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SUBJECT: US-USSR COPYRIGHT DISCUSSIONS

1. IN A LETTER DATED AUGUST 8, 1974 TO BORIS PANKIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ALL-UNION COPYRIGHT AGENCY VAAP), MS. BARBARA RINGER, REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS, RESPONDED TO A LONG-STANDING INVITATION FROM PANKIN TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON COPYRIGHT MATTERS. RINGER PROPOSED THE WEEK BEGINNING OCTOBER 7 FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. (THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO THE EMBASSY UNDER REGISTRY NO 1075874 ON AUGUST 12.)

2. DEPARTMENT AND COPYRIGHT OFFICE MET WITH PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES RECENTLY AT LATTER'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SOVIET COPYRIGHT LAW WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO US COPYRIGHT INTERESTS. WE PLAN TO INCLUDE AN ITEM ON SOVIET COPYRIGHT LAW ON A PROPOSED AGENDA WHICH WE WOULD SEND TO PANKIN AS SOON AS WE HAVE GREEN LIGHT FOR OCTOBER MEETING.

3. IN ORDER TO PLAN ITINERARY FOR OCTOBER MEETING AND
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AGENDA FOR SUCH MEETING COPYRIGHT OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT

NEED CONFIRMATION SOONEST FROM SOVIETS ABOUT THE PROPOSED DATES.

4. ACTION. EMBASSY REQUESTED URGENTLY TO CONTACT PANKIN, OR IF HE IS NOT AVAILABLE YURI ZHAROV, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF VAAP, AND SEEK CONFIRMATION FOR OUR PROPOSAL THAT COPYRIGHT DISCUSSIONS BEGIN WEEK OF OCTOBER 7 IN MOSCOW. INGERSOLL

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